IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<u>PATENT</u>

In re application of:

ITANO, Mitsushi

Serial No. 09/214,708

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Attorney's Docket: XI/P06217US0

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 S I R:

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars:

[NOTE: One only of items a, b, c, and d must be checked.]

- [X] a. The enclosed information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.
- [] b. The enclosed information disclosure statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

The enclosed information disclosure statement is accompanied by [check one]:

[] i. a statement in part (e) below as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), or

[] ii. a check in the amount of \$240.00 required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

[] c. The enclosed information disclosure statement is being filed <u>after</u> the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, but <u>before</u> payment of the issue fee.

PETITION: It is requested that the information being submitted be considered. [NOTE: If box (c) is checked, the following two boxes <u>must</u> be checked.]

[] PETITION FEE: A check for \$130.00 required by 37 CFR §1:17(i)(1), is enclosed.
[] STATEMENT is attended to in box (e) below.

[] d. The enclosed information disclosure statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i), for placement in the file.

- Statement [Check one] [Statement is required only if box (b)(i) or box (c) is checked.]
 - [] I hereby state that each item of information contained in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement,

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Respectfully submitted,

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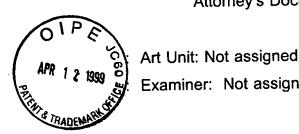
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SIR:

Submitted herewith are:

- 1. A copy of references which have come to applicant's attention; and
- 2. A listing of the references on PTO-1449.

Please consider the documents and make them of record pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

Consideration and citation of the references are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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